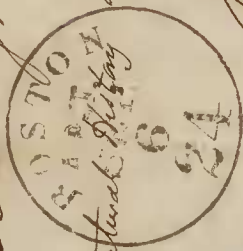


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Mr.

Professor of Natural History

Dear Sir!

Is it possible that You will forgive me for not having in so long a time let You hear anything from a person who felt himself so highly obliged to You and who never ought to cease with his due respects to You.

I really ~~cannot~~ can now give take my excuse to any excuses for my fault; but I most sincerely beg You to forgive me.

In the end of the spring I felt myself a little feeble - not very sick, ~~but~~ but somewhat exhausted, so I took me to Denmark - where we had a meeting of Scandinavian naturalists and

after that have visited some places in our
southern provinces. Next Sunday I am
starting for a part of our country situa-
ted next to Lapland and I hope to re-
turn with some botanical *spolia opima*.

All the year I have been busy with
the willows. Regel in St. Petersburg had
extremely large, almost enormous collections
from every part of Russia; and as he wished
to have them back again this autumn
I have been obliged to turn them over
quickly and to postpone all the other
materials from other places. That is the
reason why I have not yet ~~made~~ made
full use of your estimable collection;

and I feel indeed very ashamed to have kept
them so long. But I hope you will be
assured that not a leaf will be disturbed
on the specimen and that you will let me
have them some months yet that I may
finish a work, which I really wished I
had not undertaken. But for the difficulties I
find more numerous each day.

As soon as I have liberated myself from
that atlas, which now lies heavy upon me,
I will endeavour to show you in a better way than
only by words, how deeply I feel obliged to
you. You shall then receive some things from
us, which I hope will be acceptable by you.

Please, remember me for ever as Yours
most devoted

Hockholm 2. 8 Aug. 1860.

N. J. Anderson